

Principal Investigators,

The agenda and CPI Newsletter for the January 19, 2011 CPI meeting (Rudder 601; 11:30-1:15 pm) are available on the CPI website at http://cpi.tamu.edu/CPI_1.19.11.pdf. The meeting will feature an update and discussion from Dr. Jeffrey Seemann, TAMU Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, on the December 16, 2010 memorandum (included with the agenda and materials) regarding Research Admistration and Shared Services (**RASS**). For background information on this issue, please see the January 14, 2011 memo from Dr. Terry Thomas, 2010 CPI Chair at http://cpi.tamu.edu/1.14.11_Memo_CPI_Chair.pdf. If you plan to attend in person as an observer, please email cpi@tamu.edu.

Routinely, CPI meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 11:30-1:15 pm. The meetings are open to the public and are webcast live at <http://tvn.tamu.edu/webcasts> on Channel 20.

Our monthly electronic newsletter is included below and includes items of interest to the research community. Please send comments regarding the newsletter to cpi@tamu.edu.

To learn more about CPI membership, activities and initiatives, visit <http://cpi.tamu.edu>.

Sincerely,

Terry Thomas, Ph.D.
Chair, Council of Principal Investigators

CPI Newsletter – January 2011

Included in this issue are updates/information on:

- Preview of February 9, 2011 CPI Meeting
- Update regarding campus visits for Provost/Exec. VP for Academic Affairs Candidates
- EPIK-MAESTRO Working Group
- 2011 Faculty Abroad Seminar – Call for Applications
- Sigma Xi Distinguished Scientist and Outstanding Communicator – Call for Applications
- Call for Proposals for 2011 High Impact Practices for Undergraduate Students
- New NSF Proposal Requirement
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Deemed Export Control Attestation
- PI-DISCUSS listserv established to facilitate PI communication

Preview of February 9, 2011 CPI Meeting

The next CPI meeting is Wednesday, February 9, 2011 from 11:30 am. - 1:15 pm. in Rudder 401. Ms. Leonarda Horvat, TEES Chief Information Officer and Director of Information Systems, will demonstrate the EPIK-MAESTRO research portal at the February 9, 2011 CPI meeting.

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Update regarding campus visits for Provost/VP for Academic Affairs Candidates

The following was sent on behalf of Drs. Eleanor Green and John Crompton in a Distribution A announcement on January 13, 2011.

The search advisory committee for the position of Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs invites the A&M community to participate in campus-wide interview sessions for the two recently announced finalists—Dr. James Coleman and Dr. Karan Watson. Dr. Coleman currently serves as Vice Provost for Research at Rice University and Dr. Watson is Interim Provost and Executive Vice President

for Academic Affairs at Texas A&M University. You can find detailed information about each of the candidates on the provost search website at <http://provostsearch.tamu.edu>.

The campus-wide interview session for Dr. Coleman is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower, Room 402. The campus-wide interview session for Dr. Watson is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 28. Location and time will be forthcoming.

Individuals are encouraged to participate in the interview sessions and provide feedback about the candidates through the following website at <http://provostsearch.tamu.edu>.

EPIK-MAESTRO Working Group

The EPIK-MAESTRO working group met Friday, December 10th for an update on the results of sub-groups addressing key information needs for the pre-award module. These sub-groups include: Key Personnel, Proposal Development, and Funding Opportunities. Sub-groups are finalizing the data needs and components so that programmers can begin work on the module.

As the existing post-award modules are improved, the developers encourage any users to provide feedback, comments, concerns, problems, and questions using the Feedback link on the home page. This ensures that problems and issues are formally logged and addressed as they come in. The working group meets next on January 20th, 2011.

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2011 Faculty Abroad Seminar – Call for Applications

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Martyn Gunn has issued a call for applications for the 2011 Faculty Abroad Seminar to be held at different sites in Mexico, May 15-22, 2011. The seminar will host up to seven tenured and tenure-track faculty and provides opportunities to establish linkages with colleagues at Mexican universities and related organizations

For more information and to download the application visit the website of the Office of Latin American Programs at <http://olap.tamu.edu/fas/fas2011application.pdf> or contact Ms. Edna Bishop at ebishop@tamu.edu or 845-3367. Applications are due by electronic submission on January 18, 2011 by 5 p.m.

Sigma Xi Distinguished Scientist and Outstanding Communicator – Call for Applications

Sigma Xi Distinguished Scientist Award -The TAMU Chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, accepts nominations for the Sigma Xi Distinguished Scientist Award annually from December 1 to February 13. The recipient will receive a plaque and a \$750 cash award at the Annual Sigma Xi Induction and Awards Banquet and will deliver the keynote address at the Fall Distinguished Scientist Lecture, hosted by Sigma Xi.

Sigma Xi Outstanding Communicator Award -The TAMU Chapter of Sigma accepts nominations for the Sigma Xi Outstanding Science Communicator Award annually from December 1 to February 13. The recipient will receive a plaque and a \$750 cash award at the Annual Sigma Xi Induction and Awards Banquet.

Nominations should include the following: Nomination Letter; Curriculum Vitae; Letters of Support (optional, with no limit on the number submitted). Nominations are due by February 13 to Ms. Michelle Sullens, Program Coordinator, Division of Research and Graduate Studies, 1112 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-1112 email: m-sullens@tamu.edu

Call for Proposals for 2011 High Impact Practices for Undergraduate Students

Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies Pamela Matthews is pleased to announce a call for proposals supporting high-impact practices for undergraduate students in six program areas. Engaging high-impact educational practices have been shown to increase undergraduate student success that goes beyond grade point averages or even degree attainment. Funding and deadlines vary by program area. Complete details and funding submission guidelines may be found at <http://us.tamu.edu/programs/>.

Questions may be directed to Kristin Harper, executive director in the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies, at kharpert@tamu.edu or (979) 845-3210.

New NSF Proposal Requirement

Effective January 18, 2011, proposals submitted to the NSF must include a supplementary document entitled "Data Management Plan" (DMP). The DMP cannot be more than two pages in length and should describe how the proposal will conform to NSF policy on the dissemination and sharing of research results. Proposals that do not include a DMP will not be accepted for submission. For more information about this new requirement, please see the NSF web sites on Grant Proposal Guide, Chapter II.C.2.j <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf11001/gpg_2.jsp#dmp> and Data Management and Sharing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) <<http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/dmpfaqs.jsp>>.

TAMU Senior Associate Vice President for Research Administration Carol Cantrell is leading an effort by the Division of Research and Graduate Studies (RGS) to develop guidance and sample materials to assist PIs in developing DMPs. The Digital Libraries is working with the group to provide options to faculty for meeting archiving and access requirements. More information will be available on the RGS website (<http://rgs.tamu.edu/>)

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Deemed Export Control Attestation

Please find the frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the Deemed Export Control Attestation (http://cpi.tamu.edu/attestation_12.10.pdf) at http://cpi.tamu.edu/Deemed_Export_FAQs.pdf.

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PI-DISCUSS Listserv for PI Communication

The CPI has set up a listserv PI-DISCUSS@listserv.tamu.edu to facilitate communication among PIs and others in the research community. The list is not moderated, i.e., messages to the list are not approved by a moderator or editor. However, only people subscribed to the list can send to the list.

Anyone can join or sign-off from the listserv by following this link: <https://listserv.tamu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=pi-discuss&A=1>

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